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Docket No.: VER-205XX

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IN-LINE FILTER WITH QUICK-CHANGE COUPLING AND A FILTER

The specification of which:

[X] was filed as PCT International. Appl. No. PCT/NL2004/000564 on August 11, 2004, and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, USC §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> | <u>Priority Claimed</u> |
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| <u>1024083</u> (Number) | <u>NL</u> (Country) | <u>11/08/2003</u> (Day/Month/Year) |
| | | [X] [] Yes No |
| <u> </u> (Number) | <u> </u> (Country) | <u> </u> (Day/Month/Year) |
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| | | [] [] Yes No |

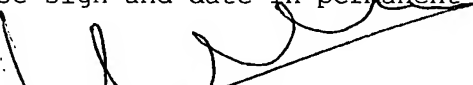

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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